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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0644  
INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: LE, IS, US, XF  
SUBJ: KUWAITI NEWSPAPER ASSERTS USG PRE-KNOWLEDGE OF ISRAELI  
INVASION OF SOUTH LEBANON

1. APRIL 8 EDITION OF KUWAIT DAILY AL-ANBA PRINTS PURPORTED  
PHOTOCOPY OF A LETTER FROM EMBASSY BEIRUT, SIGNED "AMERICAN  
CONSUL" (BUT NO SIGNATURE APPEARS) AND DATED MARCH 13, 1978.  
THE LETTER, ADDRESSED "DEAR AMERICAN CITIZEN" IS PARTLY  
ILLEGIBLE. IT EXPLAINS WHAT SERVICES CONSULAR OFFICERS CAN  
AND CANNOT OFFER TO AMCITS, STATES CONSULAR SECTION OFFICE  
HOURS, TELLS AMCITS THAT "ADVICE" TO AMCITS WOULD BE  
BROADCAST ON VOA IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, AND RECOMMENDS STORING  
FOOD AND OPENING WINDOWS "IF THERE IS A BOMBARDMENT."

2. AL-ANBA HEADLINES MAKE MUCH OF THE PURPORTED DATE OF  
ISSUANCE OF THE LETTER, "ONE DAY BEFORE THE ISRAELI ATTACK,"  
AND OF THE ALLEGED RECOMMENDATIONS ON FOOD AND BOMBARDMENT.  
THE IMPLICATION IS THAT EMBASSY BEIRUT KNEW OF THE PENDING  
ISRAELI MILITARY ACTION, WHICH, AL-ANBA'S SARCASTIC HEADLINE  
CHARGES, "REVEALS THE 'GOOD' INTENTIONS OF WASHINGTON". ONE  
COLUMN HEAD EXCLAIMS IN DISBELIEF: "WHAT A COINCIDENCE."  
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